(e) Appointment of pilots is a matter of personnel policy of respective airlines and Government intervention is not desirable.

Private Airports in Andhra Pradesh

1485. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seven new private airports are coming up in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the promoters have asked for business guarantee from Government; and

(d) if so, what is reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir. Government of India have not received any new proposal for setting up of private airports in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Routine checks of Aircrafts

1486. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether major airlines are violating safety norms by not appointing enough aircraft engineers for routine checks of flights;

(b) if so, the action taken for immediate appointment of all required additional aircraft engineers;

(c) whether every aircraft should get flight release certificate before every take-off, and whether 'A' check after every 500 hours of flight, 'B' check after every 2000 hours of flight and 'C' check after every 4000 hours of flight, have to be regularly carried-out for every aircraft; and

(d) if so, whether these mandatory checks are exercised meticulously as per the rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Every aircraft is issued a Maintenance Release Certificate (Flight release certificate) at specified periods and not for every take off. The periodicity of 'A', 'B' and 'C' checks etc. may vary from one aircraft type to another according to the manufacturers requirement. These checks are carried out as stipulated in the Maintenance Planning Document issued by the manufacturers and Maintenance Programme approved by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

(d) Mandatory checks are meticulously carried out by airlines. DGCA also by means of spot checks/surveillance checks ensures compliance of mandatory checks.

Landing of Aircraft at wrong runway

1487. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 12th June, 2007, a Spice jet (SG-851) Aircraft landed on the wrong runway at Delhi Airport, instead of the runway on which it was asked to land by the Air Traffic control authorities, which could have caused a great disaster, had there been any aircraft on the wrong runway;